Allotment of Petrol/Diesal Retail Outlets and Gas agencies Ex-servicesmen

4798. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ex-servicemen are accorded priority for allotment of gas agencies and petrol/diesel retail outlets;

(b) if so, the number of gas agencies and petrol /diesel retail outlets allotted to ex-servicemen during each of the last three years, state-wise;

(c) whether Women cooperation Societies are also accorded priority; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 72/1 of petroleum products dealerships/distributorships are reserved for Defence category including Ex-servicemen.

(b)	Ro	LPG
1988-89	10	10
1989-90	15	3
1990-91	12	3

(c) and (d). For the dealerships/distributorships selected through officially consituted selection agency, other things being equal preference is to be given to comsumer Co-operative Societies over other candidates who apply in the "OPEN" category.

Export of Natural Gas Liquid

4799. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ex-Hazira quantity of Natural Gas liquid (NGL) is being exported by the Government;

(b) if so, the amount of revenue earned by the sale of NGL and expenditure incurred in import of corresponding quantity of Kerosene;

(c) the techno-economic justification for this arrangement;

(d) whether the ONGC's proposal for the starting of fractionation of NGL is pending with the Government for the last three years; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): *(a) and (b).* During 1990-91, 0.579 MMT of NGL was exported for a valus of Rs.222 crores. Based on actual wigthed import price of SKO during the 1990-91 period expenditure that would be incurred on import of same quantity of SKO is Rs. 349 crores.

(c) to (e). In the absence of adequate fractionation facilities, NGL has to beexported. The afgency for the execution of the project for Kersosene from NGL at Hazira is under consideration.

Complaints from Sales-Tax Clients

4800. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding harassment to clients by Sales-Tax Department of the Delhi administration;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received during each of the last three years;

(c) the action taken against officias found responsible;

(d) the number of dealers found concealing the amounbt of sales tax druing the said period and the action taken agsisnt them; and

(e) the steps taken to revamp and revitalise the Sales Tax Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINIST RY OF STATE IN THE MINIST' RY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Office of the Commissioner of Sales Tex (Delhi Admn, has reported the number of complaints received regarding harassment to clienets during the last three years as under:

Year	*Number of Complaints*
1988-89	78
1989-90	79
1990-91	50
	207

(c) Action taken against officials on the complaints is given below:

(i)	Suspended	20
(ii)	Cases referred to Directorate of vigilance	32
(iii)	Compulsory retirement	01
(iv)	Dismissal	05
(v)	Other penalties viz. reduction in rank, censure& withholding of increment	58
(vi)	Proceedings in progress	91
	Total	207

(d) 403 cases involving concealement of payment of sales tax were found as per details below:

1988-89	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
129	55	219

Following actions have been taken against such dealers:

(i) Stoppage of facility of availing statutory declaration forms for making tax-free purchases.

(ii) Cancellation of the registration certificates.

(iii) Referring cases to police for investigation and launching prosecution against such offending dealers.

(e) Following steps have been taken in this behalf:

(i) To redress the grieveinces of dealers, procedure of issue of statutory froms has been simplified and liberalised.,

(ii) Data of payment of sales tax made by dealers has been computerised on yearly basis.

(iii) Besides a regular vigibence wing of the Department, the /commisstioner of Sales Tax is attendting to complaints in public hearing. The Addl. Commissionerof Sales Tax has been designated as Nodal officer who is monitoring the entire prices .

(iv) The enforcement wing of the Department and the recovery wing of the Department have been strenthended.